

Survey on Labour Economy Trend

Background

This survey was begun in August 1966, and had been carried out twice a year (in February and August). It has been carried out four times a year (in February, May, August, and November) since 1975.

Aim of Survey

The aim of this survey is to study the influence on employment, working hours, etc. caused by business trends and changes in labour supply and demand, prospects and countermeasures, in order to show the tendency of changes in labour economy and problems at the moment.

Scope of Survey

1. Area

Nationwide

2. Industry

The following industries, based on the Standard Industrial Classification for Japan :

- (1) Construction
- (2) Manufacturing
- (3) Information and communications
- (4) Transport and postal activities
- (5) Wholesale and retail trade
- (6) Finance and insurance
- (7) Real estate and goods rental and leasing
- (8) Scientific research, professional and technical services
(Scientific and development research institutions are excluded from scientific research.)
- (9) accommodations, eating and drinking services
(Bars, cabarets and nightclubs are excluded from eating and drinking services.)
- (10) Living-related and personal services and amusement services
(Domestic services, Crematories and graveyard custodians and Ceremonial occasions are excluded from living-related and personal service.)
- (11) Medical, health care and welfare
- (12) Services (not elsewhere classified)
(Political, business and cultural organizations, Religion, Miscellaneous services, Foreign governments and international agencies in Japan are excluded.)

3. Establishments

About 5,800 establishments extracted by the probability proportional extract method from among establishments in the private sector employing 30 or more regular employees based upon the number of workers classified by industry and size

Survey Items

1. Items related to attributes of establishment

Establishments name and address, and number of regular employees both in the enterprise as a whole and the establishment

2. Items related to trends in production and sales, and items related to (expected) reasons for increase or decrease

- (1) (Expected) situation of increase or decrease in production and sales, etc. compared with those in the previous quarter
- (2) (Expected) reasons for increase or decrease in production and sales, etc. compared with those in the previous quarter

3. Items related to trends of employment and working hours

- (1) (Expected) situation of increase or decrease in unscheduled working hours compared with those in the previous quarter
- (2) (Expected) situation of increase or decrease in number of workers compared with that in the previous quarter
- (3) Actual results or future plans in employment of regular employees in mid-career

4. Items related to number of regular employees, the feeling of surpluses and shortages of workers and number of insufficient workers

5. Items related to the situation of employment adjustment etc.

6. Extraordinary item (Situation of employment offers to new graduates, etc.)

Period of Survey

Quarterly (February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1)

Organization Conducting the Survey

Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Survey Method

Mail survey or online statistical survey